

**REMARKS**

**Status of the Application**

Claims 1-29 are currently pending in this application. In the February 28, 2005, Office Action, the Examiner stated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct subcombinations:

- I. Claims 1-9, 11-18, and 24-29 , drawn to a method and apparatus for managing supply chain projects, classified in class 707, subclass 10;
- II. Claim 10, drawn to a method for monitoring the progress of projects by setting the indicator as complete or incomplete, classified in class 707, subclass 10; and
- III. Claims 19-23, drawn to a method of assigning project level security for the project management function based on the assigned project role, classified in class 707, subclass 9.

The Examiner further stated that restriction to one of the aforementioned subcombinations is required for prosecution on the merits, citing M.P.E.P. § 806.05(d). In particular, the Examiner stated that a different search is required for each group noted above.

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Response and Election

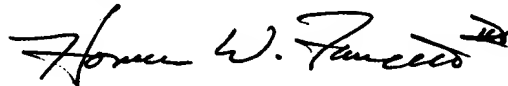
Applicant elects, without traverse, the Group I invention, and claims 1-9, 11-18, and 24-29 directed thereto.

Conclusion

In the event the Examiner has any questions about the Response, he is invited to contact the undersigned. Applicant believes that no additional fees are required for these amendments. Further, Applicant believes that no extension of time is required for this Response. In the event an extension or additional fee is required, Applicant petitions therefor and requests that any charges for fees be made to deposit account number 09-0007.

Respectfully submitted,

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